

capacity due to non-availability of gas. Presently, 13,581 MW capacity of combined cycle power projects are existing in the country, which are run on gas/liquid fuel. This includes 10,999 MW gas based, which requires 53.52 Million Metric Standard Cubic Metre Per Day (MMSCMD) at 90% PLF. As against this requirement, the actual supply/availability has been 36.62 MMSCMD as on 30.09.2006 leaving a shortage of around 17 MMSCMD.

Fuel price is a critical component in ensuring long term sustainability of the Thermal Power Plants as 60-65% of the cost of generation consists of fuel cost of generation. In the present scenario, demand of gas outstrips supply and higher prices of gas is resulting in higher cost of generation *vis-a-vis* the competing fuel like coal.

However, in future, scenario may change if more gas is available at reasonable price on long term basis.

Enabling NTPC-BHEL to bid jointly

2819. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken by Government to enable NTPC-BHEL to bid jointly for big power projects including ultra mega power projects;

(b) if not, whether Hon'ble Prime Minister is looking into the issue in view of the Government assurance about a decade back to carry out the same;

(c) whether BHEL-NTPC combined would be allowed to bid for power projects on 80:20 debt-equity ratio basis; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (d) Government has approved the proposal for waiver of ceiling of Rs. 1,000 crore for equity investment by National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd. (NTPC) for establishing financial joint venture for participating in the bidding process of Ultra Mega Power Projects. It is left to NTPC to take commercial

decision to form joint venture with any other potential partner including Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL). At present, NTPC is setting up power projects with a financing of debt equity ratio of 70:30.

Rehabilitation of Tehri Dam outstees

2820. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Tehri dam displaced who have settled in Mauja Pathri, Suman Nagar, Bhadrabad, Haridwar;
- (b) the name-wise, address-wise, village-wise details of allottees who have been allotted agricultural plots in the area;
- (c) the steps taken to ensue that the displaced actually move to the area;
- (d) the reasons for low level of habitation of the area;
- (e) the steps taken to augment facilities in the area so as the displaced actually settle;
- (f) the steps taken to build hospitals, schools and other civic infrastructure; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) As informed by the Rehabilitation Directorate Government of Uttaranchal, 49 project affected families displaced due to Tehri Dam have been settled in Mauja Pathri/Suman Nagar, Badharbad rehabilitation site in district Haridwar.

(b) Details of oustees who have been allotted agricultural plots in the above area are at Statement (See below).

(c) and (d) The resettlement and rehabilitation (R&R) works of Tehri Dam Project are being handled by the Government of Uttaranchal with the funds being provided by Tehri Hydro Development Corporation (THDC).

An attractive and a liberal rehabilitation package has been evolved, which has been improved from time to time. The sufficiency of the rehabilitation package has also been upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court